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Raised Bill No. 5524

LCO No. 2105



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ORGANIZATIONAL REVISIONS TO ELECTION
DAY REGISTRATION PROCEDURES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-19j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
5 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
6 election day, provided (A) the registrars of voters shall have access to
7 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
8 and (B) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the
9 State not later than thirty-one days before such election day. The written
10 certification required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision
11 shall (i) include the name, street address and relevant contact
12 information associated with such location, (ii) list the name and address
13 of each election official appointed to serve at such location, if any, and
14 (iii) provide a description of the design of such location and a plan for

15 effective completion and processing of such applications. Upon review
16 of such written certification, the Secretary may require the registrars of
17 voters to appoint one or more additional election officials or to alter such
18 design or plan.

19 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State, in
20 a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
21 additional location for the completion and processing of election day
22 registration applications on election day, provided the registrars of
23 voters shall so apply not later than ninety days before such election day.
24 Upon approval of any such application by the Secretary, the registrars
25 of voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions
26 of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
27 location designated pursuant to this subdivision.

28 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) The registrars of voters may [appoint one or more election
29 officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such election
30 officials] delegate to each election official appointed pursuant to
31 subdivision (1) of this subsection, if any, any of the responsibilities
32 assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall
33 supervise each such election [officials] official and train each such
34 election [officials] official to be an election day registration election
35 [officials] official.

36 Sec. 2. Subsection (j) of section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed
37 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

38 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy
39 of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in opposition to any
40 question being submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or offer any
41 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius
42 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to [the
43 registrars' of voters designated location] any location designated by the
44 registrars of voters for election day registration balloting or in any
45 corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside
46 entrance to [such registrars' of voters designated] any such location or

47 in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-19j(c) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-19j(j) |

Statement of Purpose:

To permit towns to provide additional locations for election day registration and require that registrars of voters advise the Secretary of the State of expected staffing levels at election day registration locations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]